

## House Resolution 152

By: Representatives Lane of the 158<sup>th</sup>, Jerguson of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Knight of the 126<sup>th</sup>, Barnard of the 166<sup>th</sup>, and Burns of the 157<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study was founded and located  
3 at the University of Georgia School of Veterinary Medicine in 1957 to investigate  
4 unexplained deaths of white-tailed deer across the Southeast; and

5 WHEREAS, through scientific investigation, the Wildlife Disease Study is committed to  
6 determining the causes of morbidity and mortality of all wildlife in order to protect and  
7 conserve this important public natural resource for current and future generations of  
8 Georgians; and

9 WHEREAS, the Wildlife Disease Study faithfully has served the citizens of Georgia by  
10 providing invaluable support for the scientific management of wildlife to the Georgia  
11 Department of Natural Resources; and

12 WHEREAS, the Wildlife Disease Study has conducted itself with the utmost professionalism  
13 while providing its support to the Georgia General Assembly, the Georgia Department of  
14 Natural Resources, and the people of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study is widely viewed as a  
16 national leader in the field of wildlife health and for providing professional technical  
17 guidance to fish and wildlife agencies across the United States regarding wildlife health and  
18 related issues.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body join together to recognize the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife  
21 Disease Study for 50 years of dedicated service to the people of Georgia through the  
22 scientific investigation of wildlife health issues and working diligently to provide the latest  
23 scientific information to help conserve Georgia's valuable wildlife resources.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly offers thanks to the Southeastern  
2 Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study for the invaluable role it has played over the last 50  
3 years in the conservation of wildlife in Georgia and across the Southeast.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Southeastern  
6 Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study.